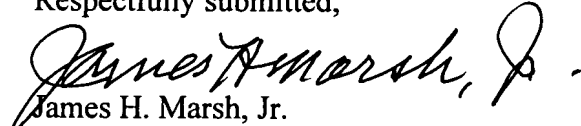


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that claims 12 and 13 are now free of the art. Accordingly, favorable action at an early date will be appreciated. If the examiner is of the view that any issue remains unresolved, it is respectfully suggested that applicant's undersigned attorney may be contacted at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,


James H. Marsh, Jr.
Reg. No. 24,533

SHOOK, HARDY & BACON L.L.P.
One Kansas City Place
1200 Main Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64105-2118
Telephone: (816) 474-6550
FAX: (816) 421-5547